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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—"That is included, Sir, in clause (a) of the question which says: 'whether the Government have now perused the judgment in. . .'"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Notice."

Diwan Bahadur O. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—"May I know if the Court has not held that the person should not have been suspended without a formal enquiry?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"Notice."

Rewards to certain Government servants for services in connexion with the civil disobedience movement.

* 329 Q.—Mr. K. R. VENKATARAMA AYYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have ordered the payment of extra emoluments or remuneration over and above their salaries to certain Police officers, Magistrates and other Government servants for the discharge of their official duties in cases arising out of the civil disobedience, non-co-operation, picketing, boycott or Congress movement;

(b) what are the classes or categories of officers or public servants so rewarded;

(c) what are the special services for which they have been so rewarded; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the names of the Magistrates and their special services thus rewarded and the amount or value and nature of the special emoluments or remuneration sanctioned to them, and also the total remuneration thus sanctioned for the various departments?

A.—(a) The Government have sanctioned the payment of honoraria to certain officials (and non-officials also) as a reward for specially meritorious services rendered in connexion with the civil disobedience movement.

(b) Members of the subordinate and provincial services in the Revenue, Police, Excise, Agriculture, Education, Medical and Jail departments.

(c) Specially meritorious services in connexion with the civil disobedience movement.

(d) No rewards have been given to any Magistrates for their services as such.

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"May I know, in view of the fact that the action of the Police in these cases was illegal and not covered by the existing laws of the land, either by the Ordinances or the ordinary laws, whether the Government do not consider the award of rewards to these people to be naturally demoralising?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I do not agree with the statement that the action was illegal."

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" In answer to clause (a), the Government say that rewards are given for 'specially meritorious services rendered in connexion with the civil disobedience movement'. May I know what the nature of the services rendered by these officers is, that entitled them to the rewards ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" It is not ordinary service; and rewards are given only for merit or distinction in service."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know if Government have fixed any maximum limit to the award of such rewards in each case ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the grant of compensation or any other recognition of particular services of officers causes heart-burning among the other members of the service that they have been overlooked ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I am sorry I am not able to understand my hon. Friend's question that it creates heart-burning in the other officers when only for special merit or distinguished service this honorarium is awarded."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" With regard to the answer to clause (b), it is said that 'members of the subordinate and provincial services in the Revenue, Police, Excise, Agriculture, Education, Medical and Jail departments' have been given rewards. May I know whether such rewards have been given for information furnished through the heads of departments concerned, or for information given directly to the Police ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" These rewards are given only on the recommendation made by the heads of departments."

Mr. D. THOMAS :—" May I know the total amount of money spent for this purpose ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know if the rewards are only in the shape of money or whether they are also given in the shape of promotions or appointment to higher offices ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" They are only in the shape of money. I think the question relates only to the sanctioning of payment of honoraria to certain officers."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know the nature of the meritorious services rendered by the non-official people referred to in clause (a) ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" Assisting Government in combating the movement."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know the nature of the assistance rendered by them ? "

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The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—

“I cannot be clearer than that.”

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—“Is this money given out of the Police budget, Sir?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“Not all, I think. As we give such rewards in various departments, they must come from the amounts allotted to them.”

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—“Are we to take it, Sir, that in addition to the amount already provided for in the Police budget, for which you also took sanction from us the other day, some other departments are also incurring expenditure in connexion with the civil disobedience movement?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—

“I think so, Sir; but if you want definite information, you must ask the hon. Members concerned.”

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—“May I know whether Mr. Raju Pillai has been made permanent Deputy Superintendent and, if so, is it in recognition of his meritorious services and, if so, what is the kind of meritorious service rendered by him?”

(No reply.)

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—“It is said in answer to clause (d) that ‘no rewards have been given to any Magistrates for their services as such’. May I know if any other rewards were given to the Magistrates?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“No.”

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI :—“May I know from the hon. the Finance Member whether his financial check did not receive a rude shock when moneys were being given as rewards for counteracting the civil disobedience movement?”

The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES :—“Notice of the question, Sir.”

Government Press

Production of admission certificates by Government Press employees returning from sick leave.

* 330 Q.—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, has informed all the employees of the Government Press of the necessity of submitting admission certificates as soon as they place themselves for treatment under private medical practitioners or in the hospitals; if so, when;

(b) whether it is a fact that, in a petition, dated 9th July 1930, the employees of the Press and Machine Department, Mint Buildings, asked the Superintendent among other things for the procedure to be adopted by them in case they place themselves for treatment under private medical practitioners or in the hospitals and that the Superintendent did not put them in the way;